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**SUBMISSION OF TERMINAL DISCLAIMER**

Dear Sir:

In response to the request by the Examiner in a telephone call of May 16, 2008, Applicant submits herewith a Terminal Disclaimer to avoid a Double Patenting Rejection Over a "Prior" Patent 6,860,869 for the above-reference patent application. A payment in the amount of \$130.00 is being submitted herewith to cover the Terminal Disclaimer fee.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the application and that the enclosed Terminal Disclaimer be entered of record in the present application.

Please charge any deficiencies including any required extension of time and credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 23-1951.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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